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## FAVORS MEXICO REPORT

President, After Conference With Secretary Baker, Says Agreement Reached By Conference at Border is "Satisfactory."

Does Not Stipulate Time For Withdrawal of American Troops and Allows Army Use of Railways in Mexico Territory.

Washington, May 4.—Major-General Scott's report on his conference with General Obregon, Carranza's war minister, laid before President Wilson today by Secretary Baker was characterized by President Wilson as "satisfactory."

It is understood to provide for the use of Mexican railways and sets no definite time—such as 60 days—as has been reported, for the withdrawal of Pershing's forces.

After a conference with the President, Secretary Baker said that no announcement on General Scott's report was ready but that the President might issue a statement later.

He indicated that a final decision on all points had not been reached but that General Scott would be informed so that he might have another conference with General Obregon.

While the terms of the tentative agreement have not been made public, it is understood to provide that American troops shall not go farther south than they now are and will be withdrawn as soon as the Carranza government convicts the United States of its capacity to protect the American border territory.

It also provides for co-operation with Carranza troops for cleaning up the bandits. Some slight changes in the agreement as made between General Scott and General Obregon may be made here but they probably will be unimportant. The indications are that Secretary Baker will recommend to the President the acceptance of the agreement which is described as purely a military one.

El Paso, May 4.—Ratification of the tentative agreement reached between Major General Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff of the United States army, and General Alvaro Obregon, minister of war of the de facto government of Mexico, awaits only the acceptance by President Wilson of the terms of the proposed settlement.

Advices received in Juarez today indicated that First Chief Carranza had accepted the terms agreed upon by his minister of war. The formal ratification will follow. It is expected, as soon as the word from Washington comes that the agreement is satisfactory.

Major Generals Scott and Funston were pleased with press despatches from Washington saying that the administration found the terms of the proposed settlement satisfactory.

## O'REILLY AMONG 188 VICTIMS OF DUBLIN RIOTING

Believed to Have Been Killed While Trying to Make Escape.

London, May 4.—It is officially announced, says a despatch to the Evening News from Dublin, that the number of deaths in the hospitals alone, resulting from the recent revolution, is 188. This includes 66 soldiers and 122 rebels.

The O'Reilly, one of the rebel leaders, is believed to have been shot while attempting to escape from the Dublin hospitals. The Dublin correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Co., who, telegraphing on Wednesday, said that O'Reilly's body has been found in Moore Lane, near the postoffice building.

There were some disturbances in the southwest of Ireland on Tuesday in which some casualties occurred, the correspondent adds, but the rest of the country is quiet.

In the House of Commons today Premier Asquith promised that he would make a statement next week on the causes of the Irish revolt. The premier said that it was not desirable to say anything more at the moment than that all appropriate steps were being taken to deal with the Irish rebellion and those responsible for it.

Asked whether the rebels will be tried by court martial or by a civil tribunal, the premier stated that he had never said anything regarding the inquiry being a judicial one.

## MEYER AND HOWARD DELEGATES TO CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

William T. Meyer, superintendent of the department of Finance of the local postoffice and P. H. Howard of the carriers left this morning for Washington, D. C., as delegates to the meeting of the National Association of Civil Service Employees from Branch 36 of this city. The meeting will open tomorrow and will last through Saturday. Mr. Meyer and Mr. Howard will return on Sunday.

## SALT'S CO. BUYS EAST SIDE LAND, FOR EXPANSIONS

Acquires Property Occupied By Bridgeport Motor Co. and Adjacent Plots.

PAYS \$52,000 FOR WATERFRONT LAND

Docks, Slips and Float Obtained in Deal Recorded Here This Morning.

For the purpose of expanding their factory facilities, the Salt's Textile Co. has purchased the land occupied by the Bridgeport Motor Co., with docks, loading and unloading equipment, slips and a float, together with adjacent property occupied by a frame house and a lunch wagon.

Deeds for the conveyance of the property were filed this morning at the office of the town clerk. The price indicated in the papers is \$52,000. There is a \$40,000 mortgage on the holdings.

The Pequonnock Commercial Corporation sold the land. The head of this concern is Edwin A. Sullivan of New York.

Two storage sheds are being built by the Salt's company already on the property and arrangements will be made for more.

The property is bounded on the north side by Nichols street, has more than 256 feet on Kosuth street, 458 feet on the south, and is bounded on the west by the Pequonnock river, along which are docks and slips connected with the property.

The Bridgeport Motor Co. has held a five year lease, drawn Feb. 1, 1913. This will be abrogated and another will be framed by the Salt's Textile Co.

Isaac Plakow occupies a frame building on one part of the land and Sidney Smith a lunch wagon on Kosuth street. The Acorn Athletic club holds privileges on the property, which will be subject to suspension on 60 days' notice.

The mortgage on the property is held by the Bridgeport Savings bank. Frederick C. Rhodes, secretary of the Salt's Co., said this morning that the firm needs more storage room. He said no decision has been made concerning the use of the dock property.

## DeLoss Sues Conn. Co. For Collision of His Auto and Trolley Car

Dispute between Harry H. DeLoss, treasurer of the Handy & Harmon Co. of Fairfield, living at 137 Park place, and claim agents of the Connecticut Co. over the responsibility of a collision between the wealthy silver refiner's automobile and a trolley car have led to a civil action in the city court.

Papers in the case which have been served and returned to the docket disclose but little of the circumstances. DeLoss asks \$100 damages from the company for a left forward wheel and fender through his attorney, James A. Marr. The accident is placed as happening on Seaview avenue, 100 feet west of the west line of Newfield avenue, at 33 Fairfield avenue, April 4.

DeLoss, who is a resident of Fairfield, says that the Connecticut Co. is blamed but no answer has as yet been filed to the suit.

## SIBERIAN REFUGEE HERE TELLS THRILLING STORY OF LIFE-SAPPING ESCAPE

Only One of Nine Who Escaped in Chinese Marketman's Wagon Manages to Reach Liberty, and That Only After Both Legs Were So Frozen That Amputation Was Necessary—Chinese Hunters Take Him From Woods Into Hospital.

A story of an escape from Siberia, a fight through a great northern forest, and the death through exposure of all but one of the eight fugitives, was told by a friend in this city by Louis Wittich, late of the 66th regiment of Austria.

Using artificial limbs as substitutes for his legs, which were frozen so severely that they had to be amputated, Wittich has arrived in this country, after traveling from Siberia to Manchuria, Manchuria to China, China to the Pacific coast of America. He came to Bridgeport last week as the guest of Andre Szabo, who is connected with the Austro-Hungarian Labor Information bureau at 33 Fairfield avenue.

Wittich's story, as his friends quote him follows:

"I enlisted with the 66th regiment from my home town, Ungvar, Hungary, and last year my regiment was at Lublin, when the Teuton forces clashed with the Russians.

"With eight others, one day, I was sent out to grab a battery. The Cossacks swept down upon us and captured every one. I was wounded on one leg during the charge.

"My companions and I were ordered to Siberia. We were taken to a place near Rodzime, in carts. I was detailed to an officers' camp, where I acted as interpreter.

"The officers were allowed provisions from the town, as long as they could pay for them and every week a Chinese with a wagon, came to the camp. He and I became friendly. I bribed him to help me and my seven companions to escape.

## CROWN OFFICIAL BACKS BOSS OF STRIKING GIRLS

Edward F. Russell, Factory Owner, Refuses to Accede To Demands.

THREATEN WALKOUTS IN TWO OTHER SHOPS

Union's Executive Board Will Decide Tonight on Future Action.

Strikes at the George C. Batcheller Co. and the Crown Paper Box Co., are almost certain tomorrow, unless a favorable answer is received from the Crown Corset Co. officials before tonight, according to union leaders.

Edward F. Russell, president of the Crown Corset Co., refused to take any stand other than that assumed by the superintendent of the Crown Corset Co. and at a conference yesterday afternoon, he told John Pierce, who is directing the strike, that he won't compel Miss Sadie Quilty to join the girls' union.

A meeting of the girls was held this morning and it was decided to leave the matter to the executive committee, which will meet tonight. The executive committee will decide whether or not the Batcheller girls should be enlisted.

"The girls have decided that they might as well fight this thing out now as any other time," declared Mr. Pierce today. "It is very likely those two other factories will be on strike tomorrow."

All but two or three of the girls in the Crown shop are out, according to Mr. Pierce.

## Draw Jurors For May Court Term

A list of jurors was drawn today for the May term of the criminal superior court, which will convene in this city next Tuesday afternoon with Judge Curtis on the bench. The jurors, who will report Wednesday, are: Arthur W. Dunham and E. Irving Lyon, Bettsel; John C. Curtis, H. L. Englehardt and John H. Hanson, Bridgeport; W. B. Davis and J. B. Hill, Easton; William Dalling and Valery Havard, Fairfield; W. H. Martwell, Thomas G. Sutton and H. J. Watson, Groton; Anthony S. Hard and H. J. Lord, Monroe; H. M. Bardell and Levi Brush, New Canaan; E. J. Botsford and Charles P. Ferris, Newtown; R. F. McAllister, P. F. Smith and John Stull, Norwalk; William E. Gaffney and Seth L. Pierrepont, Ridgefield; Henry C. Ballou, Sr. John Greenwood and Burgoyne Hamilton, Stamford; Frank Griswold and Howard Peck, Trumbull; J. S. Guyer and C. R. Richards, Westport.

## ADD \$1,800,000 TO LOS ANGELES HARBOR BILL

Washington, May 4.—The Senate commerce committee today added \$1,800,000 for construction of a diversion dam in Los Angeles harbor to the \$14,000,000 appropriation bill. As amended by the committee the measure would appropriate about \$43,000,000, an increase of \$3,000,000 over the House bill.

Further details of the capture of Elliott show that when the farmer saw the man sitting under the shed he went back to the house and his wife went to a neighbor's for help. Meantime, Elliott had aroused himself from his stupor and going to the door of the house asked for something to eat. He then went to the well to draw water and while he was there Deputy Sheriff Bates, accompanied by half a dozen armed men, arrived and placed him under arrest.

The prisoner was taken to the county jail at Brooklyn to await trial. The funeral of the victims was held today, Rev. John K. Moore of the Congregational church officiating.

State's Attorney Stiles intimated today that if the prisoner's condition permitted, an early date for the trial might be fixed.

## SULLIVAN BELIEF FOR PLOTTING

London, May 4.—James M. Sullivan, of New York, formerly American minister to Santo Domingo, has been arrested in Dublin on the charge of complicity in the Irish rebellion.

Sullivan is well known in this state as a newspaperman and as a lawyer. He has been a familiar figure in the courts of New Haven county.

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HARTFORD CHILD IS BADLY HURT BY AUTO

Hartford, May 4.—James B. Clark, six years old, son of Harry A. Clark, of No. 16 Owen street, is in St. Francis hospital in a serious condition. He was struck by an automobile truck on Farmington avenue today. Dominick Di Bella, the driver, is held for reckless driving. The boy's head is badly hurt, his ankle sprained and he has other injuries.

IRONWORKERS ON STRIKE

Noank, Conn., May 4.—About 30 ironworkers employed at the Robert Palmer Shipbuilding Co. are on strike today, having refused to work under the new conditions imposed by the company yesterday, that of working nine hours a day.

## SLAYER OF TWO IS HELD

Man Who Murdered Thompson School Teacher and Her Father is Captured, His Skull Fractured.

May Not Live to Face Trial—Believed to Have Been Beaten Before He Killed Girl's Father.

Thompson, Conn., May 4.—John Elliott, a farmhand, sought for two days by posers as the alleged murderer of Miss Sybil Pettis, a school teacher, and her father, George A. Pettis, of this town, was captured here early today.

A farmer, Roland Mills, found Elliott, heavily armed, in a barn where he had taken shelter from the rain.

Elliott was captured about a mile and a half from the scene of the shooting. He was in a very weak and exhausted condition and made no effort to escape arrest. He was apparently in a stupor when Mills discovered him. The latter ran to a neighbor's house about a quarter of a mile away and notified Deputy Sheriff William F. Bates, who placed Elliott under arrest. He was accompanied by several armed men.

One of the man's eyes was nearly closed and he was out about the face and head, indicating, it is thought, that he may have had a struggle with Pettis before shooting him. He was apparently suffering from exposure and lack of food.

It is now believed that at no time was he very far away. He has made no statement of any kind.

When arrested he had on him two automatic revolvers and one of an ordinary type, between 50 and 60 rounds of ammunition and a small sum of money.

Elliott was arraigned before Justice of the Peace Randolph H. Chandler here later and was held without bonds for trial in the superior court at the September term on charges of murder. When asked to plead Elliott's only response was "nothing to say."

After an examination of the prisoner, physicians said that he would probably not live to stand trial as there were indications of a fracture of the skull. In addition to his other injuries, Elliott has a bad wound on the head and it is believed that when he first encountered Pettis as the latter was at the woodshed, the farmer threw an axe at him and struck him on the head. The axe was found some distance from the shed after the shooting. Elliott would make no statement of any kind, declaring his mind was blank as to what happened after his fight with Pettis.

Further details of the capture of Elliott show that when the farmer saw the man sitting under the shed he went back to the house and his wife went to a neighbor's for help. Meantime, Elliott had aroused himself from his stupor and going to the door of the house asked for something to eat. He then went to the well to draw water and while he was there Deputy Sheriff Bates, accompanied by half a dozen armed men, arrived and placed him under arrest.

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## MOTHER WOULD EVICT DENTIST, NEWLY MARRIED

Lease of His Offices Is In Her Name—She Brings Suit.

DENTIST'S BRIDE IS JEWELER'S DAUGHTER

He Takes Shelter With Bride's Parents As Legal Storm Breaks.

Eviction proceedings brought in the city court against Dr. Jacob Schwartz operating handsomely appointed dental offices at Fairfield avenue and Main street by his mother Mrs. Emma Schwartz, of Yonkers, confirm the old adage that the course of true love is never smooth.

The proceedings, preliminary notice of which were served yesterday by Deputy Sheriff Joseph Steigler, are brought through Attorney Theodore E. Stober. Dr. Schwartz has retained Attorney Thomas M. Cullinan to defend the action. It is believed that a settlement will be effected.

The offices which are at present in dispute are located on the second floor of the United Building in the heart of the city. They were opened nearly a year ago by the dentist who in partnership with Dr. Adolph Harstein practiced under the trade name of United Dentists. Mrs. Schwartz holds the lease for the floor in her own name.

Several months ago Dr. Harstein withdrew from the business and opened offices elsewhere. Dr. Schwartz continued practice.

During his residence in this city Dr. Schwartz met Miss Lillian Graves, the daughter of Samuel S. Graves, the Fairfield avenue jeweler, living at 2475 Main street. The attraction soon ripened into love. Three weeks ago the couple were joined in matrimony under the Jewish rites.

Though Mrs. Schwartz was present at the ceremony, differences of opinion soon widened. The breach between mother and son, and caused Dr. Schwartz and his bride to take up their abode at the Graves home in a city where they now are domiciled.

Matters of business dispute continued to a stage where Mrs. Schwartz placed the disposition of her issue in the hands of her attorney with instructions to bring summary proceedings against her son asking that he vacate the suite.

Dr. Schwartz deprecates the action and persists in the belief that a settlement will be made within the next few days. Mr. Graves is likewise stout in the action, and the impression that the action will be withdrawn.

The ceremony was performed at 11:30. The pastor's house was attractively decorated with cut flowers and palms for the occasion. Miss Evers wore a traveling costume of blue with a hat to correspond and a corsage bouquet of white carnations.

The ceremony was an elaborate wedding breakfast was served at the Hotel Stuck.

Mr. and Mrs. Becker then left on a motor trip South expecting to away two weeks. When they return to this city they will reside at 11 Richardson street.

The bride is especially popular and well known in Bridgeport. She is prominent in musical circles, and is organist of the St. Paul's German Evangelical Lutheran church and was for several years a teacher at Staples school, until she resigned March 1, because of her approaching wedding.

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## WED IN SECRET WHILE FRIENDS AWAIT NUPTIALS

Ceremony Scheduled For May 10 Is Anticipated By One Week.

Although they had invited hundreds of friends to attend their wedding next Wednesday, May 10, Miss Gertrude Evers, daughter of William H. Evers of 33 Richardson street, and Mr. Paul Becker of 22 Richardson street slipped away to Middletown yesterday morning and were married there at the home of the Rev. Mr. Heinkel of the German Lutheran church of that city. The bride, Miss Minnie Schwedter, niece of Miss Evers, and the best man, Charles Neubauer, brother-in-law of the groom were left to bring back the news of the wedding to the relatives and friends in this city who were preparing for its celebration next week.

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## TWO KILLED, ONE SERIOUSLY HURT AS AUTO UPSETS

Los Angeles, May 4.—Malcolm W. Strong, playwright and Clinton F. Stagg, an author of New York, were killed last night when an automobile driven by Stagg overturned on a school road near here.

George Porter Pitts, formerly stage manager at the New theatre and the Little theatre in New York, another passenger in the machine, was seriously injured.

## POPULACE FLEES METZ, IS REPORT; FRENCH IN DRIVE

Civilian Population Evacuating Fortified Town Near Verdun.

SEVERE FIGHTING AT DEAD MAN HILL

More Russian Troops Are Landed at Marseilles to Aid Allies.

London, May 4.—Reuters' Amsterdam correspondent telegraphs that information which is regarded as trustworthy has been received there to the effect that Metz is being evacuated by the civil population.

Metz, the capital of Lorraine, and a city of about 100,000, is one of the strongest fortresses of the world. It is about 15 miles north of the fighting line and 40 miles east of Verdun.

FRENCH MAKE GAIN. Berlin, May 4.—It is officially announced that the French have obtained a foothold in one of the German advance posts south of Dead Man Hill.

TWO SURVIVORS IN TRENCH. Paris, May 4.—The advance of the French in the district of Dead Man Hill, on the Verdun front, was continued during the night, the war office announced this afternoon. The troops who yesterday were increased and consolidated.

As a consequence of the French artillery preparations at Dead Man Hill yesterday, the statement says, two Germans surrendered, stating they were the sole survivors of the men in their trench.

MORE RUSSIANS LAND. Marseilles, May 4.—Another contingent of Russian soldiers arrived here this morning and was received with notable military and popular receptions. The troops proceeded to the camp at Mirabeau.

FOSTER OPPOSES PLAN TO REMOVE R. P. K. RECEIVER

Attorney For Manufacturer Vigorously Fights Petition of Thomas Low.

The attempt of Thomas H. Low of New York to depose Carl Siemon as receiver for the R. P. K. Pressed Metal Co. of this city, was vigorously opposed in the superior court this afternoon by Judge Carl Foster, representing Siemon. Low, who was appointed receiver for the company in New York state, claims Siemon's acts should be declared null and void and that the company's assets sold to the Bridgeport Metal Goods Co., should be turned back.

Counsel for Siemon argued that the company's assets and factory were in this state although the company was legally a New York corporation. He said Siemon has been appointed receiver by Judge Williams in 1915. At that time the company's assets were greater than the liabilities but there was no cash and no credit could be procured.

There was some stock worth about \$15,000 on hand. After running the business for several months Receiver Siemon sold the assets to the Bridgeport Metal Goods Co. for \$20,500. At the present time he has about \$22,000 of the company's funds. As every action had been taken with the court's approval, counsel for Siemon said he saw no reason why Low should be allowed to take Siemon's place.

Judge E. K. Nicholson, representing Low, said the receivership papers had never been served on the R. P. K. Pressed Metal Co. as a company. Judge Webb reserved decision.

## TEXAS RANCHER WHO AIDED U. S. TROOPS KILLED

El Paso, May 4.—P. H. Holly, a rancher near San Antonio, Mex., was murdered with his Mexican foreman on the night of April 29, because he had acted as a scout for American troops who went to the Holly ranch to rid it of Villa bandits. This is the information contained in a despatch from General Pershing today. The despatch did not state whether Holly was an American.

P. U. Commission Denies Request For Water Mains

Hartford, May 4.—The petition of Helen L. Foss and 12 other residents of Noroton, in the town of Darien, to the public utilities commission for an order to the Noroton Water Co. requiring it to lay a water main so that the petitioners might be furnished with water and fire protection has been denied. The commission held a hearing on the petition some time ago. The commission denied the petition on the ground that to avoid loss on the part of the company it does not seem equitable to furnish the service.

## REPLY TO U.S. NOTE DUE SOON

Gerard Expects to Receive Text of Germany's Answer on U-Boat Issues Today—Sends Cable to State Dept.

Furnishes Lansing With Official Report of Note's Contents—Situation Less Tense, View in Capital.

Washington, May 4.—Secretary Lansing announced today that a despatch from Ambassador Gerard, dated yesterday, said the Ambassador expected to receive today the German reply to the American note regarding immediate abandonment of present practices of submarine warfare.

A brief message from Ambassador Gerard at Berlin reached Secretary Lansing this morning. The message is said to contain no information as to the contents of Germany's reply to the American note sent more than two weeks ago demanding that Germany declare and effect an abandonment of its present methods of submarine warfare.

Secretary Lansing said he was without any information whatsoever of the conference Ambassador had with Emperor William at Grand Headquarters. The despatch, Secretary Lansing said, was very brief and contained no indication of the tenor of the German reply. News despatches from Berlin have indicated the German government hoped it would be received favorably.

Chairman Stone of the Senate foreign relations committee called on Secretary Lansing and briefly discussed the German and Mexican situations.

"Judging from the newspapers, the tenor of the situation with Germany is very much less tense," said Senator Stone. "It also appears that they have reached some agreement on the border."

Senator Stone said there was no occasion for any sensational action as the situation now stands.

## REVOLUTIONISTS FIRE OIL TANK IN STOCKHOLM

Beelin, May 4.—Revolutionary workmen in Moscow have exploded kerosene and benzene tanks belonging to the Russian government, according to reports from Stockholm received by the Overseas News Agency. The report says that more than 5,000 tons of the oils were destroyed.

First started after the explosion and has spread to the administration of other buildings in the neighborhood of the tanks and is still burning.

## Woman Pioneer Diver Named Co-respondent in Mrs. Noon's Action

Thomas Noon of Fairfield, recently connected with the Goulding Inn, has been sued for divorce by his wife, Ellen Noon, of New York. Service was made upon Mr. Noon in this city last week and is returnable during the May term of the superior court of New York.

The summons and complaint were drawn by Attorney Francis X. Kelly, of New York, and in the complaint actions of the plaintiff while a resident of the Goulding Inn of this city and Mrs. Harriett L. Smith of Bridgeport, are recited.

Mrs. Smith, named as co-respondent, is said to be the first woman to have submerged from the deck of a submarine boat in a diving suit. The act was performed at the Lake Submarine Co.'s yards in 1902. Mrs. Ellen Noon is said to be a wealthy real estate operator in New York.

## STATE WILL PLACE 150 HEADSTONES ON GRAVES OF CIVIL WAR VETERANS

Hartford, May 4.—More than 250 headstones properly inscribed will be placed by the quartermaster's department of